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C O N F I D E N T I A L TEL AVIV 05205

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ENRG, PBOR, IS, EG
SUBJECT: ISRAELI PRODUCTION FROM ALMA FIELD

REFS: (A) STATE 034836, (B) TEL AVIV 4664

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED FROM MFA AN AIDE
MEMOIRE DATED APRIL 14 WITH FOLLOWING TEXT.

2. QUOTE:
IN RESPONSE TO YOUR AIDE MEMOIRE OF 23 FEBRU-
ARY 1978, REGARDING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE NEPTUNE
OIL CO. IN THE GULF OF SUEZ, THE GOVERNMENT OF
ISRAEL WISHES TO RESTATE ITS POSITION THAT THESE
ACTIVITIES ARE IN FULL ACCORDANCE WITH THE RELEVANT
RULES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW. ISRAEL'S POSITION ON
THIS ISSUE HAS BEEN SUPPORTED VERY RECENTLY BY LEADING
LEGAL U.S. AUTHORITIES ON THE SUBJECT.

THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL IS AWARE THAT THERE
IS A DISPUTE BETWEEN VARIOUS US COMPANIES AS
REGARDS THE ISSUE; HOWEVER, THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT
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THAT THE DEVELOPMENT OF FURTHER OIL RESOURCES
IS TO THE GENERAL ADVANTAGE OF THE AREA.

THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL WOULD FINALLY WISH
TO REITERATE ITS POSITION THAT THE DEVELOPMENT OF
OIL RESOURCES IN THE AREA WILL IN NO WAY SERVE AS
AN OBSTACLE TO THE ONGOING PEACE PROCESS.

END QUOTE.

3. THIS TEXT CONFIRMS POSITON GIVEN VERBALLY
(REF B) BY MFA ASSISTANT LEGAL ADVISOR, WHO ALSO
IDENTIFIED THE "LEADING US LEGAL AUTHROTIES",
AS PROF. RICHARD BAXTER, WRITING IN A RECENT ISSUE
OF THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW.
EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING A COPY OF THE
BAXTER ARTICLE.
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